

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN CIVIL ENGINEERING (LAW) (BENG[CIVE-LAW])**

*These regulations apply to BEng(CivE-Law) graduates admitted to the two-year LLB curriculum in the academic year 2014-2015 and thereafter.*

*(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)*

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**Admission to the degree of Bachelor of Laws**

1. To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws under these regulations, candidates shall
    - (a) hold the degree of BEng (CivE-Law) from the University of Hong Kong;
    - (b) apply for admission to the LLB curriculum within five academic years after obtaining the degree of BEng(CivE-Law), unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty of Law;
    - (c) comply with the General Regulations; and
    - (d) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.
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**Period of study**

2. The curriculum shall normally require four semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than two academic years, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of three academic years, except with the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Law.
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**Completion of the curriculum**

3. To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall
    - (a) comply with the General Regulations;
    - (b) satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula;
    - (c) satisfy the compulsory mooted requirement, unless otherwise exempted by the Head of the Department of Law; and
    - (d) satisfy the examiners in at least 126 credits of courses selected from the law courses offered in the syllabus of the 4-year LLB curriculum or the syllabus below (excluding those which the candidate has already taken and passed in his or her studies for the BEng(CivE-Law) degree).
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**Advanced standing**

4. The Board of the Faculty of Law may grant advanced standing to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully in an approved institution of higher education elsewhere in accordance with UG2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; provided that no candidate shall be eligible for such exemption without having earned at least 228 credits by passing courses in the BEng(CivE-Law) degree at this University. Advanced standing credits granted will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate but shall not be

included in the calculation of semester, yearly or cumulative GPA nor be taken into consideration for the honours classification of the degree to be awarded.

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### **Selection of courses**

5. Candidates shall select their courses totaling 126 credits in the two years of study in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabus before the beginning of each semester. Changes to the selection of courses may be made during the add/drop period designated for each semester in which the course begins, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the designated add/drop period of the semester shall not normally be considered.

6. Withdrawal from courses beyond the designated add/drop period will not be permitted, except for medical reasons and with the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Law. Withdrawal without permission will be given a fail grade in the relevant course(s).

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### **Specialisation**

7. Candidates who have obtained at least 48 credits of law electives under one of the specialisations in the syllabus of the 4-year LLB curriculum will be duly recognised by having that specialisation stated in the official academic transcript.

8. Candidates shall declare their choice of specialization, if any, at the beginning of the first academic year of the 2-year LLB degree curriculum. Declaration made beyond the first semester of the second academic year of the 2-year LLB degree curriculum will not be considered.

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### **Progression in curriculum**

9. (a) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 36 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty of Law, or except in the last semester of study when candidates may be required to take fewer than 24 credits to satisfy the outstanding curriculum requirements.

(b) Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, and/or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty of Law, candidates may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits in a given academic year provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 126 credits for the normative period of study specified in paragraph 2, save as provided for in paragraph 9(c).

(c) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of the Faculty may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 216 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in paragraph 2.

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## **Grades**

10. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG8 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. Any course for which a candidate is given an F grade shall be taken into account in the calculation of the semester GPA (SGPA) and shall be recorded on the official academic transcript, and shall also count towards the cumulative GPA (CGPA) and the degree. A pass in the Mooting course shall be recorded on the transcript but shall not be counted towards the cumulative GPA (CGPA).

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## **Passing a course**

11. Candidates shall pass a course if the Board of Examiners is satisfied by the candidate's performance in the assessment.

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## **Assessment**

12. (a) Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/ or any other assessable activities. Only satisfactorily completed courses will earn credits.

(b) Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner as prescribed in the curriculum regulations:

(i) undergoing re-assessment/ re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or

(ii) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or

(iii) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or

(iv) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

(c) Where candidates are permitted or required to present themselves for re-assessment/ re-examination/ assessment in an alternative course under (b) above, the new grade obtained together with the previous F grade shall be recorded on the transcript and be included in the calculation of the semester GPA, the year GPA and the cumulative GPA.

(d) A candidate shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which he or she has received a pass grade for upgrading purpose.

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## **Absence from an examination**

13. Candidates who are unable through illness to be present at the written examination of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of

the same course to be held before the beginning of the First Semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

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### **Overall Pass**

14. Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, a candidate who has passed courses totaling 126 credits in value shall be awarded the degree of LLB.

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### **Discontinuation of Study**

15. Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation if they fail to satisfy the examiners in the examinations in accordance with UG4(e) as follows:

- (a) fail to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters, or
  - (b) fail to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters, or
  - (c) exceed the maximum period of registration specified in paragraph 2.
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### **Degree Classifications**

16(a). The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB) shall be awarded in five divisions:

First Class Honours  
Second Class Honours Division One  
Second Class Honours Division Two  
Third Class Honours  
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(b) A pass list of successful candidates shall be posted on Faculty notice boards and the student homepage.

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**SYLLABUS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN CIVIL ENGINEERING (LAW) (BENG[CIVE-LAW])**

**This syllabus applies to BEng(CivE-Law) graduates admitted to the two-year LLB curriculum in the academic year 2014-15 and thereafter.**

(The full 5-year curriculum is set out below for easy reference. Please consult the full regulations and syllabus of the BEng(CivE-Law) curriculum for details. For the LLB degree, please also refer to the syllabus of the 4-year LLB for the full list of law courses available.)

Unless otherwise determined by the Head of the Department of Law and/or the Head of the Department of Civil Engineering (as the case may be), the syllabus of the 5-year double degrees of BEng in Civil Engineering (Law) and LLB is as follows:

***First year (75 credits) (including 6 credits taken in the summer semester)***

***Faculty of Engineering (48 credits)***

ENGL1004 Mathematics IA (6 credits)  
ENGL1002 Computer Programming and applications (6 credits)  
General Engineering courses (12 credits)  
Introductory core courses (18 credits)  
Advanced core courses (6 credits)

***Faculty of Law (12 credits)***

LLAW1013 Legal research and writing I (6 credits)  
LLAW1008 The legal system (6 credits)

***Other courses (9 credits)***

CCXXxxxx Common Core course<sup>1</sup> (6 credits)  
CENG1004 Practical Chinese language course for civil engineering (law) students<sup>2</sup> (3 credits)

***First year summer (6 credits)***

*CIVL2009* Internship (6 credits)

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<sup>1</sup> The Common core courses should be chosen from two different Areas of Inquiry.

<sup>2</sup> To satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement, students should take the 3-credit CENG1004 for engineering students, except for

- (a) Putonghua-speaking students who should take CUND0002 Practical Chinese Language & Hong Kong (In *Putonghua*) or CUND0003 Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students; or
- (b) Students who have not studied the Chinese language during their secondary education/ who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take CENG1004 can apply
  - (i) to take credit-bearing Cantonese or Putonghua language courses offered by the School of Chinese especially for international and exchange students; OR
  - (ii) to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement. If exempted, these students should take an elective course in lieu.

***Second year (81 credits) (including 18 credits taken in the summer semester)***

***Faculty of Engineering (24 credits)***

Advanced core courses (24 credits)

***Faculty of Law (30 credits)***

LLAW1009 Law and society (6 credits)  
LLAW1005 Law of tort I (6 credits)  
LLAW1006 Law of tort II (6 credits)  
LLAW2017 Legal research and writing II (6 credits)  
LLAWxxxx Law Electives (6 credits)

***Other courses (9 credits)***

CAES1602 Writing solutions to legal problems (3 credits)  
CCXXxxxx Common Core course<sup>1</sup> (6 credits)

***Second year summer (18 credits)***

CIVL2001 Engineering design and communication (6 credits)  
CIVL3013 Project (12 credits)

***Third year (72 credits)***

***Faculty of Engineering (48 credits)***

Engineering Elective courses (36 credits)

Advanced core courses (12 credits)

***Faculty of Law (24 credits)***

LLAW2013 Land law I (6 credits)  
LLAW2014 Land law II (6 credits)  
LLAW1001 Law of contract I (6 credits)  
LLAW1002 Law of contract II (6 credits)

***Fourth year (first year of the LLB) (66 credits)***

***Faculty of Law (66 credits)***

LLAW3010 Business associations (6 credits)  
LLAW2012 Commercial law (6 credits)  
LLAW2001 Constitutional law (6 credits)  
LLAW2003 Criminal law I (6 credits)  
LLAW2004 Criminal law II (6 credits)  
LLAW2009 Introduction to Chinese law (6 credits)  
LLAW3105 Land law III (Conveyancing) (6 credits)  
LLAW3097 Civil procedure (6 credits)  
LLAW3099 Criminal procedure (6 credits)  
LLAWxxxx Law Electives (12 credits)

***Fifth year (second year of the LLB) (60 credits)***

***Faculty of Law (60 credits)***

LLAW3093 Administrative law (6 credits)

LLAW3094 Equity and trusts I (6 credits)

LLAW3095 Equity and trusts II (6 credits)

LLAW3001 Introduction to legal theory (6 credits)

LLAW3102 Evidence (6 credits)

LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone)<sup>3</sup> (6 credits)

LLAWxxxx Law Electives (24 credits)

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<sup>3</sup> This may be substituted by participation in Jessup moot or any other international moot competition approved by the Head of the Department of Law. The Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone) course, which fulfils the requirement of paragraph 3(d), shall be graded with pass/fail and shall not be counted in the calculation of the CGPA.